

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Claim 1 and 7 have been amended. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 12 are pending.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. Claims 1 and 7 have been amended to recite that the first oblique angle defines a chamfer asymmetrical about the longitudinal axis of the orifice. With reference to Fig. 1 and as disclosed in the specification at paragraph [0018], the longitudinal axis 200 of the orifice 32 is coincident or aligned with pilot tool axis Y-Y. The specification at paragraph [0020] discloses that the first and second entry chamfers 32a and 32b are asymmetrical about the pilot tool axis Y-Y (and thus the longitudinal axis 200). Applicant submits that this is an appropriate way to define the chamfer since even in the elevation view, the chamfer 32b on the right side of axis Y-Y (see Fig. 2D) is further from the axis Y-Y than the portion of the orifice on the left side of the axis Y-Y and this thus asymmetrical about the axis Y-Y.

Applicant submits that by this amendment, all claims are in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. Therefore, the rejection should be withdrawn.

All rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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